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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PHILIP MORRIS USA INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

A & V MINIMARKET, INC., a New York corporation doing business as A & V MINI MARKET, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 07 Civ. 8359 (LAK)(GWG)

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF DEFAULT

TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT:

Pursuant to Rule 55(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Civil Rule 55.1, Plaintiff Philip Morris USA Inc. hereby requests that you enter default in this action against Defendant Hajji Deli Grocery, Inc., a New York corporation doing business as Paradise Deli ("Paradise Deli"). Default should be entered because Paradise Deli has not answered or responded to the Complaint within the time prescribed by Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure or otherwise appeared in this action. The facts justifying the entry of default are set forth in the attached Affidavit of Marianne McCarthy in Support of Request for Certificate of Default, and a proposed Clerk's Certificate of Default is also attached hereto.

Dated: June 2, 2008

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1. I am a member of the Bar of this Court and am Of Counsel to the law firm of

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USA Inc. I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances surrounding this action. I make this declaration in support of Philip Morris USA Inc.'s request for a Certificate of Default against Defendant Hajji Deli Grocery, Inc., a New York corporation doing business as Paradise Deli ("Paradise Deli"), pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a) and Local Civil Rule 55.1.

- 2. Upon information and belief, Paradise Deli is not an infant, in the military, or an incompetent person.
- 3. Philip Morris USA Inc. commenced this action on September 26, 2007 by the filing of the Summons and Complaint. A true and correct copy of the Summons and Complaint (without exhibits) is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.
- 4. In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(h)(1), Philip Morris USA Inc. effected service of process on Paradise Deli by serving a copy of the Summons and Complaint on Yassar Kassim, a manager and authorized agent of Paradise Deli, on September 27, 2007, at the business address of 2135 1st Avenue, New York, New York 10029. These facts are set forth in the Affidavit of Service of Bethel Debnam, sworn to October 2, 2007, a true and correct copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit B.
- 5. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(1)(A), Paradise Deli was required to answer or respond to the Complaint no later than October 17, 2007.
- 6. Paradise Deli has not answered the Complaint or otherwise defended the action, and the time for Paradise Deli to do so has expired.

WHEREFORE, on behalf of Philip Morris USA Inc., I respectfully request a Certificate of Default against Paradise Deli.

Sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 2008.

Notary Public

Sharon A. Cuffie
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01CU6020584
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires March 01, 20